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mine file

November 8, 1988

TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Senior Reclamation Specialist/Hydrologist

RE: Request for Concurrence, Release of Reclamation Surety, U. S. Diversified Group (U.S.X. Corporation), Desert Mound Mine, M/021/003, Iron County, Utah

Agree
L.P.B. 11-16

Following a recent permit transfer of properties between U. S. Diversified Group (U.S.X. Corporation) and (B.M.T.) Geneva Steel, U.S.X. Corporation retained the reclamation obligation for 151 acres of mining-related surface disturbance. This is half of the original 311 acre disturbed area approved under the Desert Mound permit. The 151 acres was divided into the 91 acre plant site area and approximately 60 acres of haul roads accessing the minesite. The Board of Iron County Commissioners, by letter dated April 28, 1987, agreed to accept and maintain the six mile (60 acre) haul road from the Desert Mound mine to the Mountain Lion mine. Consequently, U.S.X. Corporation retained the reclamation obligation for the remaining 91 acre minesite disturbance.

On April 23, 1985, the Division issued approval for complete reclamation of the Desert Mound office complex. The plant site area was initially regraded and reseeded in 1985. During a June 10, 1987, DOGM onsite inspection, the technical staff recommended supplemental reseeded of approximately 40 acres. Subsequently, U.S.X. Corporation conducted additional reseeded in the fall of 1987. DOGM technical staff conducted followup inspections of the revegetation success on March 29, 1988, July 7, 1988 and September 14, 1988.

It is the technical staff's opinion, that the operator has achieved an acceptable level of vegetative cover which will continue to persist at the minesite. Therefore, it is our recommendation that U.S.X. Corporation be released from further revegetation obligations on this property. The reclamation surety of \$146,381 should be returned to the operator and the reclamation contract terminated for the Desert Mound mine site. The mine file should be correspondingly retired.

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cc: Minerals Team
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